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SUBJ: CAPE TOWN UNREST CONTINUES; COLORED LABOR PARTY LEADER

DETAINED

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SUMMARY: RIOTS CONTINUED IN THE "COLORED" TOWNSHIP OF BONTEHEUWEL AUGUST 25 AND 26 WITH MOBS STONING VEHICLES AND CLASHING WITH RIOT POLICE. THE REV. ALAN HENDRICKSE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE (COLORED) LABOR PARTY WAS DETAINED BY POLICE AUGUST 26 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT. END SUMMARY.

1. VIOLENCE INTENSIFIED IN THE "COLORED" TOWNSHIP OF BONTEHEUWEL OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN ON AUGUST 25 (REFTEL) WITH MOBS STONING CARS AND BUSSES ON A MAJOR THOROUGHFARE THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP (VANGUARD ROAD) AND WITH POLICE AT ONE POINT FIRING ON THE RIOTERS. CLASHES WITH POLICE, STONING OF VEHICLES AND ATTEMPTS AT ARSON CONTINUED THROUGHOUT AUGUST 26. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS REPORTED MINIMAL AND BUS SERVICE WAS CANCELLED. THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS OF SCATTERED STONE-THROWING INCIDENTS IN THE "BLACK" TOWNSHIP
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OF GUGULETU TODAY (AUGUST). FOLLOWING A MASS MEETING OF

STUDENTS AUGUST 26 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE (UWC) AT WHICH IT WAS DECIDED TO RESUME THE BOYCOTT OF CLASSES, A GROUP OF MILITANT STUDENTS MARCHED FROM CLASS TO CLASS AUGUST 27 DISRUPTING CLASSES AND FORCING THE CANCELLATION OF LECTURES.

2. THE REV. ALAN HENDRICKSE WAS ARRESTED AUGUST 26 AT HIM HOME IN UITENHAGE NEAR PORT ELIZABETH UNDER TERMS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. HIS WIFE SAID POLICE GAVE NO REASONE FOR THE ARREST. LABOR PARTY HEAD SONNY LEON WAS QUOTED IN PRESS REPORTS AS SAYING THAT THE ARREST WOULD GENERATE "INTENSE FEELING" AMONG COLORED PEOPLE. ALSO REPORTED DETAINED WERE MRS. JANE PHAKATI, A REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUE AND THE REV. CHRIS WESSELS, AM MORAVIAN MINISTER FROM PORT ELIZABETH.
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